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Enclosing:

- 1) Letter of Transmittal (1 page)
- 2) Response to Office Action (6 pages)
- 3) Clean Version of Amended Claims (2 pages)
- 4) Petition for Three-Month Extension of Time (1 page)

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In re Application of: Hochrein et al.

) Group Art Unit: 1771

Serial No.: 09/401,595

) Examiner: C. Juska

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For: Cover For Contained Aerobic Treatment  
of Biodegradable Matter

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**LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL**

Dear Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the U.S. Patent and  
Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified Patent Application:

1. Request for Continued Examination (1 page);
2. Amendment Under CFR 1.312 (6 pages);
3. Clean Version of Amended Claims (2 pages); and
4. Petition for Extension of Time (1 page).

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TO CHARGE ALL FILING FEES DUE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.16 AND ALL  
OTHER FEES DUE UNDER §1.17 DURING THE PENDENCY OF THIS  
APPLICATION TO OUR DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO. 07-1729.**

Respectfully submitted,

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